

**FY 2000 Subsistence Fisheries Project Narratives
Project #24**

Project Title: Pilot Station Sonar Technician Support

Investigator Organizations: The Association of Village Council Presidents, Inc.

Geographic Area: Yukon River

Information Type: Stock Status/Trends

Issue Addressed: Additional staffing for ADF&G sonar projects contributes to the effectiveness of data collection for in-season management, while providing local residents with direct involvement and improved technical understanding of sonar enumeration methods and results.

Study Objectives:

1. Recruit and hire two qualified AVCP region resident to assist with the ADF&G Pilot Station sonar project.
2. Provide employee orientation and administrative support to insure their success throughout the season.

Project Description: Two fisheries technician will be hired locally to aid ADF&G at the Pilot Station Sonar. They will assist ADF&G in conducting species apportionment test fisheries, sonar counting operations, and other field activities. Employment will be for 13 weeks from June 5 through September 3, 2000.

Consultations Completed/Potential for Capacity Development: ADF&G Commercial Fisheries Division staff have assisted in developing this project and expressed support for acquiring these technical positions. ADF&G has integrated previous technicians provided through AVCP-BSFA funds into the sonar station operations and provided technicians with a direct and meaningful role, while learning about the project operations. ADF&G will participate with AVCP in the selection and training of the technicians.

Deliverables/Products: A final report will be prepared on the duties performed by the technicians hired, potential capacity development for AVCP, their term of employment, and hours worked.

Costs: \$30,300. This figure includes the two technicians salary and fringe benefits at \$25,000 along with 1 month of AVCP Resource Specialist's time, at \$5,300.

Annual Budget Summary	AVCP	Total
FY 2000	\$ 30.3 K	\$ 30.3 K